

City of West Lafayette, Indiana  
Board of Public Works and Safety  
MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2015  
8:30 a.m.  
Morton Community Center  
Multi-Purpose Room

Members present were Sana G. Booker, Bradley L. Cohen, Brooke E. Folkers, and Jonathan C. Speaker. Mayor Dennis presided.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 29, 2015, Meeting

Mr. Speaker moved to accept the minutes of the September 29, 2015, Board of Works meeting. Ms. Booker seconded the motion

The motion was adopted.

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Proclamation: Mental Health Awareness Week – Mayor

Pattie Wollenburg (Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness) expressed appreciation for recognizing Mental Health Awareness Week. She stated that NAMI is the largest grassroots mental health agency in the United States. She explained that NAMI advocates for support, education, and effective treatment for everyone affected by mental illness. That includes everyone living with the disease and their family members and caretakers. She thanked the City for having trained Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Police officers, which is helping to steer people towards treatment rather than jail. She explained that mental illness is a biological brain disorder, and it manifests itself in behavior. Until it is treated, behavior will be awry. She stated that St. Elizabeth has expanded outpatient, and IU is talking about having some psychiatric services because our mental health clinics cannot do it all. She stated that one in five people have a mental illness. Because of centuries of stigma and ignorance, it is hard to get people to go for treatment. She invited participation in a 5k walk/run to benefit NAMI on October 11.

Mayor Dennis stated that he has memories of the old days when a mental health issue resulted in jail, which is the worst place for someone with a mental illness. They will not get any treatment and the end result will probably be furtherance of the behavior and getting in more trouble. He stated that we are evolving as a society, and the stigma is being somewhat removed. NAMI has done an incredible job in getting the message out and making us aware of what the potential is with a lack of treatment, and in taking away the stigma. Mayor Dennis read the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Week:

**City of West Lafayette, Indiana Mayoral Proclamation  
Mental Illness Awareness Week**

WHEREAS, serious mental illness such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive-compulsive disorder, severe anxiety disorders, borderline personality disorder, and posttraumatic stress disorders affect one in every four people annually;

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WHEREAS, serious mental illness is a highly treatable medical illness of the brain posing the same concern as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and other illnesses;

WHEREAS, scientific research is constantly working toward breakthroughs in the understanding of mental illness, resulting in more effective treatments to allow people to reclaim full and productive lives,

WHEREAS, misunderstandings exist about mental illness and social culture often wrongly imposes a stigma on mental illness;

WHEREAS, every citizen and community can make a difference in helping to improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I John Dennis, Mayor of West Lafayette do hereby proclaim October 4 through October 10, 2015, as Mental Illness Awareness Week in West Lafayette, Indiana to increase public awareness of mental illness and to promote treatment and recovery.

b. Task Order No. 3: Plan Review & Inspection Services – Cube & Co. – Development/Engineering

Director of Development Poole explained that the Development Department is paying for this task order, but it is actually the Engineering Department's issue.

Public Works Director Buck stated that the Engineering Department has had some employee turnover recently, so we have engaged with Cube & Co. to provide assistance with plan review and inspection services. He explained that the volume of business through the office has not slowed down, and we do not want to inhibit that. He requested approval of Task Order No. 3 with Cube & Co. so those services can be continued as needed. The amount is \$108.00 per hour for five hours per day, for a total weekly amount of \$2,700.00, and a total monthly amount of \$11,340.00. He stated that he hopes that the services will not be needed by the end of October.

Mr. Cohen moved that the task order no. 3 with Cube & Co. be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

c. 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 28: Sheraton and Fairway Knolls Lift Station Project – Greeley and Hansen – WWTU

WWTU Director Henderson requested approval of 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 28 to Greeley and Hansen in the amount of \$8,667.00. He stated that this is for support in reviewing submittals from the contractor, attending meetings, and helping resolve some issues on getting gas services to the generator at the Sheraton lift station.

Ms. Folkers moved that the 2014 SRF Loan Disbursement Request No. 28 be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

d. Agreement: Maintenance – Boyce Systems/Komputrol – WWTU

Director Henderson requested approval of an annual maintenance agreement with Boyce Systems in the amount of \$3,000.00. He stated that this is for services for the billing office,

and he believes it is the last year of needing this service as we shift to the Tyler/Munis system.

Mr. Speaker moved that the agreement with Boyce Systems be approved. Ms. Booker seconded the motion.

The motion was adopted.

e. Claims

i.	AP Docket	\$359,383.51
ii.	AP Docket	\$264,783.30
iii.	AP Docket	\$14,094.03
iv.	PR Docket	\$620,101.00
v.	PR Docket	\$114,970.56
vi.	RDC Docket	\$10,258.02

Mr. Cohen moved that the claims be approved. Mr. Speaker seconded the motion.

There were no questions or comments about the claims.

The motion was adopted.

f. Informational Items

i. Project Payment List – WWTU

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

ii. Legal Budget & Expenses – Clerk-Treasurer

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

iii. Park Board Dockets

There were no questions or comments about the listing.

g. Other Items

► Engineering Assistance Garrison reported that landscaping and shrubs are going in on Cumberland Avenue, and the trees are ordered and ready to ship. Storm structure work is continuing on Happy Hollow Road. In response to a question from Mayor Dennis, Mr. Garrison stated that traffic is flowing on Happy Hollow with no complaints. He stated that they are hoping to open Catherwood soon, and at that point traffic would still go south on Happy Hollow to River Road, but it will allow a second point for easier access for residents and Indiana American Water. He reported that there will be lane restrictions October 12 and 13 on State Street due to a new water line going in on Russell Street, which has an initial tie-in on State Street. He noted that the signal will be off at the intersection of Russell and State, so it will be a four-way stop.

Ms. Booker asked who will take care of the shrubs on Cumberland.

Mr. Garrison responded that Parks will be taking care of it initially, and Parks Superintendent Fawley explained that it will be part of the right-of-way maintenance agreement starting next year.

Mr. Speaker asked when the street lights will be on for Cumberland.

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Mr. Garrison responded that it is in the hands of Duke Energy right now. He stated that we had to come up with a new service point location due to easement restrictions. The materials are on order. He stated that he expects it to be within the next few weeks.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Speaker moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mayor Dennis adjourned the meeting.